

**Chambers of District Judge Fred L. Van Sickle** *continued*

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, Grant and Douglas Counties (1975-1979); Judge, Washington Superior Court, Chelan and Douglas Counties (1979-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1991-2000); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

**Legal Practice:** Clark & Van Sickle (1970-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; National Conference of Federal Judges of the Judicial Administration of the American Bar Association; Superior Court Judges Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Edward F. Shea**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Georgetown 1970 JD  
Began Service: May 28, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Harold J. Petrie, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II (1970-1971)

**Government:** Chair, Franklin County Boundary Review Board (1979-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Associate Attorney, Peterson, Taylor & Day (1971-1974); Partner, Peterson, Taylor Day & Shea (1974-1978); Partner, Peterson & Shea (1978-1980); Partner, Shea, Kuffel & Lindsay (1980-1984); Partner, Shea, Kuffel, Lindsay & Flynn (1984-1987); Partner, Shea & Kuffel (1987-1994); Partner, Shea, Kuffel & Klashke (1994-1996); Partner, Shea, Kuffel, Klashke & Shea (1997-1998)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Fellow; Benton Franklin Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Lonny R. Suko**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Washington State 1965 BA; Idaho 1968 JD  
Began Service: August 1, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1968-1969)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1971-1991); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1995-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lyon, Weigand, Suko & Gustafson (1969-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Justin L. Quackenbush**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Idaho 1951 BA; Gonzaga 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Instructor (part-time), Gonzaga University Law School (1959-1967)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Washington (1957-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Senior Partner, Quackenbush, Dean, Bailey & Henderson (1959-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1951-1954)

**Current Memberships:** Spokane County Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Alan A. McDonald**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
Education: U Washington BA, 1950 BS,  
1952 LLB  
Began Service: October 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, Yakima County, Washington (1952-1954)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Halverson & Applegate (1954-1956); Partner, Halverson, Applegate & McDonald (1956-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Trial Lawyers; Yakima Chamber of Commerce; Yakima County Bar Association

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**Wm. Fremming Nielsen**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: U Washington 1956 BA, 1962 LLB  
Began Service: May 28, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Credit Reporter, Dunn & Bradstreet (1959-1960)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1963-1964)

**Legal Practice:** Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller (1964-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959); United States Air Force Reserve (1959-1982)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Trial Lawyers; American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Washington; Spokane County Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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**Cynthia Imbrogno**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Indiana (PA) 1970; Gonzaga 1979 JD  
Began Service: 1991  
Term Expires: 2007

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Law Clerk The Honorable Justin L. Quackenbush, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1980-1983)

**Government:** Civil Rights Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1984-1985); Complex Litigation Staff Attorney, Eastern District of Washington (1986-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Perkins Coie (1990-1991); Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis (1988-1990)

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Term Expires: February 1, 2012

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